

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

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Monday, March 26, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God, the Ultimate Source of Goodness and Truth, we begin this legislative work week with a prayer of trust and hope in You and in Your always available help. Our mindset each day is to serve You, our own constituents and all the people of the Commonwealth with wisdom, vision and courage. As we work through our agenda for the day, inspire us to follow You and Your ways which we believe offer us personal peace, happiness and fulfillment. In our capacity as elected leaders, teach us to have an open mind in listening to the suggestions and requests of the people in evaluating legislation and administrative programs. May we be aware of the accomplishments of our predecessors as we plan for today and the future.

Prayer.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

### *Resolutions.*

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Flanagan of Leominster) congratulating the North Leominster Little League on their fiftieth anniversary; and

North Leominster  
Little League.

Resolutions (filed by Messrs. Smizik of Brookline, Moran of Boston, Rush of Boston and Sanchez of Boston) on the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Brookline Public Library;

Brookline  
Public  
Library.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

#### Reports

Of the Senate committee on Ways and Means, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2150) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Stephen Kulik for legislation establishing the local aid stabilization fund; and

Local aid  
stabilization  
fund.

Rainy day

Fund.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2151) of Richard R. Tisei, Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bruce E. Tarr, Paul J. Loscocco and other members of the General Court for legislation to limit a portion of the "rainy day" fund to mitigate local aid cuts

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Revenue.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence, inasmuch as relates to the reference.

Public  
health  
regionalization.

#### Reports

Of the committee on Health Care Financing, asking to be discharged from further consideration Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 658) of Susan C. Fargo for legislation relative to public health regionalization in the Commonwealth; and

Public  
health  
services.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 678) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to improve the effectiveness of public health services

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Public Health.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Boston  
University.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2163) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation relative to the founders of Boston University. To the committee on Higher Education.

Registration  
plate.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2164) of Steven A. Tolman for legislation to authorize the transfer of a registration plate. To the committee on Transportation.

Frances  
Berghaus,  
sick leave.

#### *Report of Committees.*

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Frances Berghaus an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3758). Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bills.

#### House bills

Relative to the conveyance of a certain parcel of land in the town of Grafton. (House, No. 3745, amended); and

Authorizing the town of South Hadley to grant additional alcoholic beverages licenses (House, No. 3752, changed);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Order.*

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

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At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Scibak of South Hadley (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.